

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
LONG-TERM CARE CONFERENCE**

CRACKER BARREL SESSIONS

Cracker barrel sessions offer an opportunity to participate in an informal group discussion with conference presenters and other attendees who share your interest. Bring your ideas and questions and contribute to the exchange.

MARCH 23, 2006

10:50 AM – 12:00 PM Follow-up on State and Federal Initiatives for Responsive and Effective LTC

Susan Nedza, MD, MBA, FACEP, Chief Medical Officer, Region V, CMS

Follow-up on issues from Dr. Nedza's plenary session and share your ideas on the current state of LTC.

1:30 PM – 2:40 PM Practical Issues in Person-Centered Planning

Sally Burton-Hoyle, Ed.D., Director, Autism Society of Michigan.

Discuss challenges that you've experienced or anticipate in implementing person-centered planning, such as including individuals with cognitive limitations or supporting individuals with no experience in the service system.

4:00 PM – 5:10 State Leadership for Long-Term Care

Charley Reed, Chair

AARP National Legislative Council

Health and LTC Committee

Susan C. Reinhard, Ph.D, RN

Co-Director

Rutgers Center for State Health Policy

Follow-up on issues raised in Charley Reed's plenary session, discuss the key factors in other state's LTC reform initiatives and lessons learned by studies conducted at the Center for State Health Policy.

MARCH 24, 2006

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM Advocacy Now! Changes are Underway; Have a Voice in Them

Andrew Farmer, Associate State Director

Health & Supportive Services

Michigan AARP Office

Scott Heinzman

ADAPT Michigan

Share your ideas for influencing the direction of LTC in Michigan and your community. Learn how advocates for elder and disability issues are working together to support choice, rebalancing and other key initiatives.

1:15 PM – 2:25 PM Facing the Future – Understanding the Growing Challenge of LTC

Robert B. Friedland, Ph.D.

Center on an Aging Society

Health Policy Institute

Georgetown University

Robert L. Mollica, Ed.D

Senior Program Director

National Academy for State Health Policy

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Follow up on issues raised in Dr. Friedland's plenary session to better understand the factors contributing to the LTC challenge. Discuss initiatives that hold promise for responding to the challenges.